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Applicants:

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<u>REPLY</u>

Mail Stop Amendment Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated July 10, 2007, which did not set a shortened statutory period for reply, reconsideration and withdrawal of the outstanding rejections and allowance of the present application are respectfully requested in view of the following amendments and remarks.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2.

Remarks are included following the amendments to the claims.